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SUBJECT: INITIAL ISRAELI REACTION TO US-ISRAEL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.  
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REF: A. TEL AVIV 2931 B. TEL AVIV 2967

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1. INITIAL REACTION OF ISRAELI MEDIA TO JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HAS BEEN MIXED. REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON HAVE QUOTED FINMIN RABINOWITZ AS SAYING THAT DESPITE RECENT TENSION THERE IS NO FREEZE ON EXPANSION ISRAEL-US RELATIONS. HIGH LEVEL US AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS QUOTED AS DESCRIBING JOINT STATEMENT AS MOST COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ISRAEL HAS SIGNED WITH ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. FINANCE MINISTRY DG AGMON QUOTED AS SAYING THAT AGREEMENT WILL INSURE ISRAEL'S LONG-RANGE SUPPLY OF SOYBEANS, CEREALS AND WHEAT ON MULTI-YEARLY BASIS AND THAT ADMINISTRATION WILL EXAMINE ISRAEL'S REQUESTS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PREVENT ISRAELI SHORTAGES. JOINT STATEMENT, COUPLED WITH THE RECENTLY SIGNED EEC AGREEMENT, WILL TURN ISRAEL INTO AN ATTRACTIVE COUNTRY FOR US ENTREPRENEURS, ACCORDING TO SEGEV OF MAARIV, WHILE KIVITI IN YEDIOT AHARONOT DESCRIBED ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING AS WARM, FRIENDLY AND FESTIVE.

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2. HOWEVER, ISRAEL-BASED COMMENTATORS MORE SKEPTICAL AND  
REFERENCE TO ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAL IN JOINT STATEMENT RECEIVED  
CLOSER SCRUTIINY. DAVAR EDITORIALIZED THAT IT SHOULD BE CLEAR  
THAT INDIRECT REFERENCES TO BOYCOTT WOULD NOT CHANGE PRESENT  
SITUATION AND THAT IT WAS A DELICATE SITUATION WHICH WOULD  
REQUIRE A MUCH MORE SERIOUS EFFORT ON PART OF US  
JEWRY AND ISRAEL'S FRIENDS (REF A). IN SIMILAR VEIN, AL  
HAMISHMAR AND HAARETZ EDITORIALS CLAIM JOINT STATEMENT CIRCUM-  
VENTED BOYCOTT ISSUE (REF B)

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3. COMMENT. FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF EEC AGREEMENT, JOINT COMMITTEE  
MEETING IS INTERPRETED BY ISRAELIS AS ASSURANCE THAT,AT LEAST  
IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, ITS SITUATION IS NOT ALL THAT BAD.  
ALTHOUGH ISRAELIS RECOGNIZE THAT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WAS  
NOT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, FACT THAT MEETING WAS HELD IS  
REGARDED IN ITSELF AS SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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